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Engaged Scholars Initiative Launches in Montana!



We hope you are enjoying summer! We have a lot of important information in this month's newsletter- here are just a few we wanted to highlight. Please forward these resources and opportunities to others on your campus.

The <u>Western Region Engaged Scholars Initiative</u> will take place over 13 months, beginning with a retreat in November 2019. Please review the information below, and recruit applicants from your campus to apply. There is also an opportunity for campuses to sign on as institutional partners and sponsors.

In June, Campus Compact launched the <u>2020 Census Knowledge Hub</u> page on our national website to provide information and resources about the 2020 Census for institutions of higher education.

The <u>Campus Compact "Compact20" conference</u> is now open for registration. Register now to get the early bird rate! We hope you will join us in Seattle, WA in March 2020. Т

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Engaged Scholars Initiative: Accepting Appliactons

<u>Campus Compact of the Western Region</u> has just launched its first Engaged Scholars Initiative (ESI). The initiative will select and support a small cohort of engaged faculty and staff who can advance co-created knowledge, critically engaged pedagogies, institutional change, and collaborative action to address societal issues. This cohort will convene regularly, both in-person and using technology, and work closely with Campus Compact's <u>Vice President for Network Leadership, Marisol Morales.</u> The goals of ESI are:

- Develop engaged scholars who are committed to addressing power dynamics and advancing equity and full participation in institutions and communities;
- Advance scholarly objectives, including research, teaching and/or application, of each scholar's choosing;
- Strengthen professional networks by building deep relationships among early career (3-8 years of experience) scholars and community engagement professionals;
- Expand the perspectives and types and sources of knowledge incorporated and highlighted across the field; and
- Generate individual and collaborative work that translates the scholars' insights into both traditional (e.g., academic publications, conference presentations, white papers, etc.), creative works (e.g., public art, exhibitions, spoken word performances, etc.), and educational and community resources (e.g., program evaluations, policy analysis, training materials, etc.).

Applications deadline is August 19, 2019. Apply here!



We're Hiring! Serve with MTCC!

Full-time VISTA and AmeriCorps positions are still available for the '19-'20 service year! MTCC AmeriCorps members work on projects such as high school summer nudge programs at <u>MT Tech</u>, college knowledge programming for rural students at <u>Drummond</u> <u>HS</u> and <u>SKC Upward Bound</u>, and mentorship for underserved youth at <u>Flathead Valley</u> <u>Community College</u>. MTCC VISTA members serve veterans at <u>NW MT Veterans Stand</u> <u>Down</u> and the <u>Veterans Advocacy Clinic</u>, address workplace equality at the <u>Equal Pay</u> <u>Task Force</u>, and serve Montanans with disabilities at <u>MonTECH</u>. Visit our website to learn more about our full-time opportunities and apply.

If you'd like to help us spread the word we're happy to send recruitment materials, posters and email templates. Please email <u>Claire Foley</u> for info.

AmeriCorps and VISTA Program start dates:

Yearlong VISTA: August, 2019 Yearlong AmeriCorps: September 1, 2019



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Campus Compact National Office Introduces Community Engagement Professional Credentialing Program

The Community Engagement Professional Credentialing Program, developed and supported by leaders in the field, will provide civic and community engagement professionals opportunities to gain recognition for knowledge and skills they develop throughout their careers. It will also provide opportunities to engage in ongoing professional development activities that foster reflective, inclusive, and equity-focused partnerships and commitments.

Professionals will be able to earn a variety of micro-credentials by submitting evidence that they have achieved competency in that area. Ultimately, the Community Engagement Certification will be made up of 14 micro-credentials.

Click here to learn more!



All-In Campus Democracy Challenge is Seeking Montana Higher Ed. Institutions

This summer, staff from the Montana Campus Compact network office spoke with Catherine Fish from the <u>ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge</u>. ALL IN is a national, nonpartisan initiative that supports and recognizes colleges and universities working to

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improve civic learning, political engagement, and voter participation. The Challenge encourages institutions to help students form the habits of active and informed citizenship, as well as institutionalize democratic engagement activities and programs - making them a defining feature of campus life. Empowering colleges and universities to achieve excellence in student democratic engagement. This link goes to a video about the challenge.



Conferences, Webinars, Professional Development and Presentation RFPs and Resources

The Montana Nonprofit Association annual conference will happen in Billings, October 2-4.

<u>The Engagement Scholarship Consortium's annual conference</u>, whose theme is "deepening our roots: advancing community engagement in higher education" happens October 7-9, 20-19 in Denver.

<u>Imagining America</u> is seeking applications for their graduate and undergraduate student fellowship programs.

Association of American Colleges & Universities is <u>seeking proposals</u> for their 2020 Annual Meeting, which will be held January 22-25 in Washington. Proposals due July 22.

Registration is open for the IUPUI <u>Assessment Institute</u>, taking place October 13-15 in Indianapolis.

Imagining America is seeking participation for their 20th Anniversary National Gathering, "<u>Mighty Dreams: Designing and Fostering Belonging in America</u>" in a variety of formats. The Gathering will take place October 18-20 in Albuquerque.

The <u>International Undergraduate Journal for Service-Learning</u>, <u>Leadership and Social</u> <u>Change</u> is seeking papers.

<u>Community Colleges for Democracy Newsletter.</u> Campus Compact is celebrating the great work of our community college network with a newsletter full of valuable tools, events, and information to help you prepare community college students to be informed, active, and mobilized leaders in our democracy.

<u>Campus Compact's webinar series library.</u> Have some free time at lunch? Check out the webinar recordings from this year's national webinar series and increase your knowledge and skills.

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<u>Campus Election Engagement Project Newsletter.</u> Sign up for the Campus Election Engagement Project national newsletter to stay up to date with the latest news and information from one of our trusted partners in the work of campus election engagement.

<u>Campus Compact Podcast Season 3 New Episodes!</u> Bring higher education community engagement on the go with Compact Nation Podcast! Tune in bi-weekly for conversations with leading community engagement professionals and discussions of new research and innovative work in the field. Eighteen episodes available in the third season.

<u>Campus Compact member discount</u>. Campus Compact members save 20% on books available through the online Campus Compact bookstore!

Story to Share? Send it to Us!

The MTCC Network Office wants to share your good news! Especially those pieces related to campus-community partnership, civic engagement, service learning, volunteerism and democracy. Email your story ideas, or ready made pieces to Josh Vanek to get them included in this monthly newsletter, regularly seen by over 1000 education and community leaders across Montana.



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